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Alliance for Community Media 1825 K Street NW, Suite 400 Washington DC 20006

Re: Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video (DN 16-41)

I am writing on behalf of LMCTV, a PEG station serving the Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Rye Neck areas of metro NYC. LMCTV is a 501(c)3 organization that offers equipment, classes, and facilities to local citizens. The mission of LMCTV is to strengthen our community by providing the supportive environment and facilities necessary to encourage freedom of speech, public dialogue and artistic expression that reflect the diverse interests and needs of the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Community.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information for the FCC's inquiry.

The FCC asks the following questions regarding Public, Educational and Government Access channels in the inquiry:

"We seek comment on MVPD's practices with respect to making PEG programming information available to subscribers. To the extent that MVPDs do not make this information available, is this for technical reasons, and if so, can the technical barriers be surmounted? Is the Congressionally-imposed prohibition against editorial control of PEG channels relevant to this issue? What is the source of the Commission's authority in this area, if any?"

Our viewership often complains that they don't know what will be on our channel and also, that they cannot set recordings on their DVR boxes of important municipal meetings for viewings at a later date or time. Having some type of indication as to what viewers are watching AND what they can plan to watch would be a great asset to our viewing audience.

The FCC also asks a series of questions about the ability of independent channels to achieve distribution on MVPD systems and the negotiating practices of MVPDs.

Our ability to stream HD programming is being hindered by the fact that neither of our providers (Cablevision and Verizon) will allow us to broadcast in HD. Our system is ready



to go and looking great. We are fully capable of delivering a great viewing experience to the residents of our community. However, the cable providers are the only ones stopping us from doing so. I believe our community deserves more. HD is standard now and the fact that cable providers are limiting our abilities is disgraceful.

We appreciate the opportunity to enter this information into the record.

Sincerely, Matt Sullivan, LMCTV